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1. [REDACTED] unaware of the existence of any plans for the creation of a separate German government for the Russian Zone. [REDACTED] the creation of such a body would necessitate certain technical preparations which would inevitably come to the notice of officials of the General Administration of the Interior. On the contrary, when President Reschke requested the SIA on 28 June 1948 to review the charter of the General Administration of the Interior so that not only police matters but also the other subjects normally handled by a ministry of the interior might be included within the jurisdiction of the Administration, General Malkov refused and stated that the policy of the SIA was unchanged: No eastern zone government would be proclaimed, and the general administrations and the Economic Commission would continue in their present status.

2. [REDACTED] it is possible that the Volksrat might proclaim a skeleton government dedicated to German unity. Such a move would be made purely for propaganda purposes, and the so-called government would have no executive authority in the Russian Zone.

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